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¶B. KATHMANDU 838

Classified By: Ambassador James F. Moriarty, Reasons, 1.4 (b/d).

¶1. (C) On April 5, the Ambassador discussed with Foreign Minister Ramesh Nath Pandey Nepal's ability to contribute troops to a UN peacekeeping operation in Darfur (ref A). The Ambassador noted that he had talked informally with Chief of Army Staff General Pyar Jung Thapa, who had volunteered to the Ambassador that the Burundi peacekeeping mission was scheduled to close operations in December, so the RNA might be able to send a battalion to Darfur, Sudan (ref B). FM Pandey responded that he would raise this issue with the King when they met on April 6.

Estimate of Potential Contribution From Nepal

¶2. (C) RNA Brigadier General Poudel, Director of Peacekeeping Operations, told our Defense Attaché that one battalion (850 troops) could be ready in November, when the Burundi mission ended. He advised that the RNA would need to know by August, which would provide three months advance notice, to train a force for a possible Sudan mission.

Comment

¶3. (C) We believe Nepal would be very interested in being a part of a UN Peacekeeping Mission in Darfur.
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